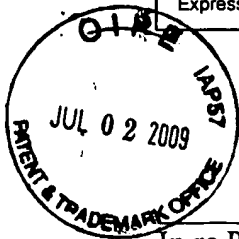


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the **Remarks** that begin on page 2 of this paper.

A petition for a three-month extension of time and the accompanying fee are submitted with this response. If the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency and/or credit any refund owed to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.